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RESOLUTION FOR ROWAN COUNTY APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

WHEREAS, it is the statutory duty of the Rowan County Board of commissioners, as the Governing Body of Rowan County, to appoint persons to various boards and commissions to assist in the operation of county government; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wants to appoint qualified, knowledgeable, and dedicated people to serve on these boards and commissions and therefore solicits the interest and input of the citizens of Rowan County in making said appointments; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that written policies and procedures will increase public awareness of the various appointments that are to be made from time to time and increase the public's interest in the solicitation by the Board of Commissioners of information and recommendations from the public that will assist the Board of Commissioners in the appointment of qualified, knowledgeable, and dedicated persons to serve on the various boards and commissions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rowan County Board of Commissioners that the policies and procedures governing appointments to the various boards and commissions made by the Board of County Commissioners are as follows:

1. Any citizen of Rowan County is eligible to serve on the appointed boards or commissions of the County where such appointment is not prohibited by state statute. All appointments will be made according to the applicable statute, ordinance, resolution or policy that created the board or commission. Discretion will be used when considering County employees for membership on any of the boards or commissions.

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2. The County Commissioners may recruit through public advertising, membership committees on active board and commissions as well as receive recommendations from any Commissioner during a regularly scheduled meeting.
3. Appointments for extraterritorial members and alternate members to city boards shall be done in accordance with G.S. 160A-362 which requires a city to give representation to the residents of its extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction on its planning board and the board of adjustment. When a vacancy exists, the municipality will be requested to provide to the Board of County Commissioners a recommendation for that vacancy. The Board of County Commissioners may solicit other applications for said vacancy if they so desire. If the Board of County Commissioners does not make the appointment within 90 days after receiving a resolution from the City Council requesting such action, the city council may appoint outside members in accordance with the General Statutes.
4. No citizens of Rowan County shall serve in more than two appointed positions of Rowan County Government unless exempted by the nature of the position he or she may hold in governmental Service. This policy shall not apply to individuals who serve on boards or commissions or as appointees to any organization because of their official position or because of a statutory or regulatory requirement that a particular type professional person can be found. This policy shall not apply to any Rowan County Commissioner who serves on any board or as a liaison to a board.
5. For boards or commissions which are not state mandated, the Board's policy is to limit the length of service to two-three year terms on the various boards and commissions on which citizens are appointed. This time period does not include required training programs. This will allow for more individuals to serve and for diversity of opinions. It will also provide for conformity in the length and number of terms for those boards and commissions that are not state mandated with set terms. This policy may be waived if the Board of Commissioners determines that the removal of an individual made ineligible by this policy would be detrimental to the functioning of that board or commission.
6. If an appointee, in any calendar year, has unexcused absences which constitute more than 25 percent (25%), or Three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board meetings which he or she is required to attend pursuant to his or her appointment, he or she is obligated to resign. Excused absences are defined as absences caused by events beyond one's control. If the individual refuses to resign, he or she may be dismissed by action of the Board of County Commissioners subject to state or local law. A calendar year is to be defined as a 12-month period beginning on the date of appointment. If a

board or commission has in their bylaws a policy which is more stringent than this policy it may stand. For those boards and commissions without an attendance policy, this policy will prevail. The Clerk to the Board shall request all new appointees to certify that he/she understands the attendance policy.

7. Individuals who go off of a board or commission will be recognized at an annual Volunteer Recognition dinner. A person must serve at least one year to be recognized in this way. County Commissioners will continue to send letters of appreciation to board and commission members. Each board and commission may recognize its members as it deems appropriate.
8. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right, at any time and for any reason, to remove any member of any board or commission when a motion for removal receives the vote of a majority of the entire membership of the Board.

Amended and Adopted this the 7th day of June, 1999.

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